GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Prohibition & Excise Department – Detention under section 3(1) of the Prevention of Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic substances act,1988 (PIT NDPS Act, 1988) against Cannabis trafficker - Police Commissionerate, Vijayawada City – Detention of Sri Athukuri Prince@Prince Rayudu, S/o Raju, A/25 years, C/Madiga, Near RCM Church, Putrela Road, Vissannapeta Village & Mandal, NTR District, Andhra Pradesh U/Sec 3(1) of the Prevention of Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act,1988 (PIT NDPS Act, 1988) - Orders – Issued.

REVENUE (EXCISE.II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 1311 Dated: 28-10-2025
Read the following:-

1. G.O.Ms. No.131, General Administration (SC-1) Department, Dated: 08.10.2018.
2. From the Commissioner of Police & Additional District Magistrate, NTR District, Vijayawada, C.No.4996/M1/CP-NTR Police Commissionerate/ 2025, dt.28.06.2025.

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ORDER:

In the reference 2nd read above, the Commissioner of Police, Vijayawada City has reported that adverting to the above subject, Inspector of Police, Tiruvuru Circle of Vissannapeta PS has placed before the Commissioner of Police, Vijayawada City and same forwarded to Government about the information regarding a spate of illegal possession and sale of Ganja by Sri Athukuri Prince@Prince Rayudu, S/o Raju, A/25 years, C/Madiga, Near RCM Church, Putrela Road, Vissannapeta Village & Mandal, NTR District, Andhra Pradesh (hereinafter referred as detenue) for issuing of detention orders u/s 3(1) of the Prevention of illicit traffic in Narcotic Drugs And Psychotropic Substances Act,1988 (PITNDPS Act,1988).

2. He is a habitual offender of illicit ganja/cannabis trafficking, and generally operates along with his accomplices. Currently, he is actively involved in the clandestine business of smuggling cannabis (Ganja) from tribal areas of Visakhapatnam District, to the Vijayawada city and its surroundings. Despite facing several cases booked against him, he continues to commit offences under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act 1985. He engages in the purchase, storage, sale and illicit trafficking of cannabis (Ganja) in territorial jurisdiction of NTR Police Commissionerate and its neighboring districts. Further submitted that the detenue is operating near the colleges and thereby peddling college students. And, in the intoxication of drug, the drug consumers are actively involving in heinous offences including snatching, robbery, and extortion and so on. Therefore, the activities of the detenue pose a serious threat to the health and welfare of the people.

3. Sri Athukuri Prince@ Prince Rayudu, S/o Raju, A/25 years, C/Madiga, Near RCM Church, Putrela Road, Vissannapeta Village & Mandal, NTR District, Andhra Pradesh does not hold any license or permit to deal with any Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances under the provisions of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act 1985. There is a statutory ban on the production, purchase, storage, transport and sale of cannabis. Despite the ban on illicit drug traffic, Sri Athukuri Prince@Prince Rayudu, S/o Raju, along with his associates, engages in clandestine procurement, possession, transport, and sale of cannabis. The detenue and his associates are operating near the colleges and thereby peddling college students. And, in the intoxication of drug, the detenue and his associates are actively involving in heinous offences including snatching, robbery, and extortion and so on. The use and consumption of cannabis pose a severe threat to public health, leading to widespread danger to public lives and resulting in severe psychotic disorders. Therefore, he is involved in "illicit traffic" under Sec.2 (e)(iii) of the Prevention of illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1988 and his actions are prejudicial to Public Health.

4. Several cases were registered against Sri Athukuri Prince@Prince Rayudu, S/o Raju, A/25 years, C/Madiga, Near RCM Church, Putrela Road, Vissannapeta Village & Mandal, NTR District, Andhra Pradesh at different police stations in NTR District. These cases are likely to be considered while issuing orders under section 3(1) of the Prevention of Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1988 (PITNDPS Act,1988), to detain the said individual (detenue) and deter him from committing further criminal activities. He was accused in the following cases:-

S. No. (1)	Cr.No, Sec of law & Name of the Police Station (2)	Ganja Seized (in Kg's) (3)	Stage of the Case (4)
1.	C.O.R.No.52/2022 U/s 8(c) r/w 20(b)(ii)(c) of NDPS Act 1985 of Prohibition & Excise Station, Bhadrachalam, Telangana State.	0.85Kg	Pending Trail
2.	Cr.No.528/2023 U/s 8(c) r/w 20(b)(ii)(B) of NDPS Act 1985 of II Town PS, NTR Police Commissionerate, Vijayawada.	3Kg	Pending Trail
3.	Cr.No.74/2025 U/s 8(c) r/w 20(b)(ii)(C) of NDPS Act 1985 of Vissannapeta PS, NTR Police Commissionerate, NTR Dist.	1.5Kg	Under Investigation

5. GROUNDS FOR DETENTION:

1. C.O.R.No.52/2022 U/s 8(c) r/w 20(b)(ii)(A) of NDPS Act 1985 of Prohibition & Excise Station, Bhadrachalam, Telangana State:

This is a case of illegal purchase possession and sale of Narcotic and Psychotropic Drug (Cannabis-Ganja) that occurred on 20.02.2022 at 15.00 hrs., near Auto Stand, before Bhadrachalam bus stand and reported on the same day at 16.15hrs. On information, the complainant P&EI, Smt. Shaik Rahimunnisa Begum, Station Bhadrachalam, P&ESI B.Murali Krishna, Station

Bhadrachalam, P&ESI, N.Anil, AC Enforcement, Khammam along with mediators and excise staff conducted Ganja raids, during the raid, they detected a case of illegal transportation and possession of Dry Ganja weighing about 0.85 KG, then seized the contraband from the accused and arrested accused persons namely A1) Athukuri Prince, S/o Raju, A/21yrs, C/Madiga, R/o Vissannapeta(V&M), Krishna Dist., Andhra Pradesh, A2) Ramsetti Shiva Rama Krishna Bharath, S/o Durga Prasad, A/19yrs, C/Kapu, Vissannapeta(V&M), Krishna Dist., Andhra Pradesh, in the presence of mediators under cover of panchanama. Hence, registered a case against the accused and both the accused were produced before the Hon'ble Court for Judicial remand.

Subsequently the sample was sent to the Government Chemical Examiner, Warangal through letter of advice and the Chemical Examiner examined the same and issued opinion that it is GANJA andthis case is Pending Trail Vide CC.No.490/2022, in the Hon'ble Judicial First Class Magistrate Court, Bhadrachalam. This case got transferred from Judicial Magistrate of First Class(JFCM), Bhadrachalam to Additional Judicial Magistrate of First Class Court(AJFCM), Bhadrachalam on 19-03-2024.

2. Cr.No.528/2023 U/s 8(c) r/w 20(b)(ii)(B) of NDPS Act 1985 of II Town PS, NTR Police Commissionerate, Vijayawada:

This is a case of illegal purchase possession and sale of Narcotic and Psychotropic Drug (Cannabis-Ganja) that occurred on 10.06.2023 at 16.30 hrs at near Railway up yard, Chittinagar, Vijayawada and reported on 10.06.2023 at 18.30 hrs, wherein the complainant G. Rajanarendra, SI of Police, II Town P.S., Vijayawada city was get a reliable information about Ganja, so complainant went to above said place along with mediators and his staff where they found 2 persons with a bike, when those persons saw the police they tried to escape from there with their bike but complainant apprehended them along with his staff. On repeated questioning they disclosed their details i.e. 1) Atukuri Prince, S/o Raju, A/23, C/Madiga, RCM Church beside street, Putrela road, Vissannapeta, NTR District, 2)Ravula Aravind, S/o Satyanarayana, A/23, C/Gowda, D.No.2-00, Gowda street, Putrela road, Vissannapeta, NTR District. Wherein A1 Aturkuri Prince stated that he had a habit of ganja consumption and he had contact with A2 who had same habit. They used to go to Araku and bought ganja from unknown persons and kept some part of it for their consumption and the rest was sold in Vijayawada for higher rates as small packets. A1 had a ganja case in Bhadrachalam P.S. earlier. On 05.06.2023 they went to Sidipaka village, Chittarakonda mandal, Odissa state on A2 bike bearing Reg.No.AP39M8035 and bought 1½ ganja for each one(Total of 3 Kg). On 06.06.2023 they returned from there and went to their homes along with ganja bag and it kept at A1. On 10.06.2023 accused persons were came near to Railway up yard, Chittinagar to sold ganja, at that time complainant went there and apprehended them and seized the Ganja total 3 kg and Pulsar bike bearing Reg.No. AP39M8035. Mediator report is registered as FIR.

Subsequently the sample was sent to the Government Chemical Examiner, Kakinada through letter of advice and the Chemical Examiner examined the same and issued opinion that it is GANJA and this case is Pending Trail Vide SC.No.209/2024, Dt.18.09.2024 at Hon'ble IInd ADJ Court, Vijayawada.

3. Cr.No.74/2025 U/s 8(c) r/w 20(b)(ii)(C) of NDPS Act 1985 of Vissannapeta PS, NTR Police Commissionerate, NTR Dist.

This is a case of illegal purchase, possession and sale of Narcotic and Psychotropic Drug (Cannabis-Ganja) that occurred on 14.06.2025 at 12.00 hours near Lions Club, Putrela Road, Vissannapeta Town and was reported on the same day at 14.15 hours wherein the complainant G. Ramakrishna, Sub-Inspector of Police, Vissannapeta PS received credible information regarding the transportation of contraband ganja, secured the presence mediators noted in the margin, Mandal Executive Magistrate, Vissannapeta under the rank of Gazetted officer to conduct search the suspected person who is illegally transporting the contraband Ganja from Ambedkar center side and weighing person Ramineni Narasimha Rao, photographer Gurajala Rambabu and police staff of Vissannapeta PS with laptop and arrived near Lions Club, Putrela Road, Vissannapeta Town and apprehended the accused A.1 Athukuri Prince @ Prince Rayadu, S/o Raju, 24 Years, Caste by SC-Madiga, Vissannapeta Village and Mandal and A.2 Ravula Yashwanth, S/o Nageswara Rao, 20 Years, Caste by Gowda, Kalagara Village, Vissannapeta Mandal absconded from the place. Then seized Ganja weighing about 1.5 KG in two packets worth Rs. 7,500 under the cover of a mediators report with effect.

Subsequently the sample was sent to the Government Chemical Examiner, Kakinada through letter of advice and the Chemical Examiner examined the same and issued opinion that it is GANJA and in this case charge sheet is yet to be filed. This case is Under Investigation.

6. The Ganja is being possessed and sold by him is causing widespread danger to the public health. Thus, he is an "illicit trafficker" as classified under section 2(e)(iii) of the Prevention of Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1988(PITNDPS Act, 1988) and acting prejudicial to the maintenance of the Public Health.

7. The other following cases that registered against Sri Athukuri Prince@Prince Rayudu, S/o Raju, A/25 years, C/Madiga, Near RCM Church, Putrela Road, Vissannapeta Village & Mandal, NTR District, Andhra Pradesh as stated below:

S. No	Cr.No, Sec of law & Name of the Police Station	Stage of the Case
1.	Cr.No.125/2019 U/s 457,380 I.P.C of Chatrai PS, Eluru District, Andhra Pradesh.	Compromised
2.	Cr.No.216/2022 U/s 354(D),506 I.P.C of Mahila UPS, NTR Police Commissionerate, Vijayawada.	Pending Trail
3.	Cr.No.106/2023 U/s 337 I.P.C of Vissannapeta PS, NTR	Under

	Police Commissionerate, NTR District.	Investigation

8. In order to effectively control the illegal activities of Ganja trading by the accused Sri Athukuri Prince@Prince Rayudu, S/o Raju, A/25 years, C/Madiga, Near RCM Church, Putrela Road, Vissannapeta Village & Mandal, NTR District, Andhra Pradesh and to prevent him from committing such offenses in the future, there is no other option but to invoke the provisions of law and detain him under Section 3(1) of The Prevention of Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1988(PITNDPS Act, 1988).

9. Sri Athukuri Prince@Prince Rayudu, S/o Raju, A/25 years, C/Madiga, Near RCM Church, Putrela Road, Vissannapeta Village & Mandal, NTR District, Andhra Pradesh along with his associates, do frequently commit offenses without any hesitation. He is an active member and has been involved in various cases that adversely affect the day-to-day administration of police officials, and his activities can become detrimental to both the police and the public. The detenue and his associates are operating near the colleges and thereby peddling college students. And, in the intoxication of drug, the detenue and his associates are actively involving in heinous offences including snatching, robbery, and extortion and so on. Therefore, the activities of the detenue pose a serious threat to the health and welfare of the people.

10. The prosecution process takes a long time to have an impact on the illegal activities of the accused under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substance Act, 1985. His activities could lead to cannabis tragedies costing many lives of poor people in the Vijayawada and its surrounding vicinities, affecting public health, financial and social status, and ultimately Public Health.

11. The offender repeatedly resorts to illicit drug Traffic offenses for easy and quick money with small investments, disregarding the penalties under the NDPS Act, 1985. Catching the offenders is a difficult and laborious process requiring meticulous planning and many man-hours, making it impossible to prevent the immediate recurrence of similar activities. These activities adversely affect the community, creating insecurity and danger to the public's life and health, causing a disturbance in the locality, and impacting public health.

12. In view of the above facts enumerated supra, Government after careful examination and in exercise of the powers conferred upon the Principal Secretary to Government, Revenue (Excise) Department under section 3(1) of the Prevention of illicit traffic in narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances act, 1988 (PIT NDPS Act, 1988) vide G.O. Ms. No. 131, General Administration (SC-1) Department, Dated: 08.10.2018 do hereby direct under Sub-Section (1) of Section 3 of the said Act that Sri Athukuri Prince@Prince Rayudu, S/o Raju, A/25 years, C/Madiga, Near RCM Church, Putrela Road, Vissannapeta Village & Mandal, NTR District, Andhra Pradesh shall be detained in Central Prison, Rajamahendravaram/Nellore, Andhra Pradesh State until further orders to be received from the Government in order to prevent the detenue from indulging in such dangerous, clandestine and illegal activities prejudicial to the maintenance of public health and as per the provisions laid down under the Prevention of illicit traffic in narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances act, 1988 (PIT NDPS Act, 1988).

13. The grounds of detention in English and Telugu languages and the material in support thereof are being sent herewith to Sri Athukuri Prince@Prince Rayudu, S/o Raju, A/25 years, C/Madiga, Near RCM Church, Putrela Road, Vissannapeta Village & Mandal, NTR District, Andhra Pradesh. The individual has a right to make a representation before the Detaining Authority as per article 22 (5) of the Constitution of India, to the Advisory Board against his detention U/Sec 9 of the Prevention of illicit traffic in narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances act, 1988 (PIT NDPS Act, 1988) and he has also a right to be heard personally by the Advisory Board, if he so desires.

14. The Superintendent, Central Prison, Rajamahendravaram/Nellore is directed to take over the detenue into his custody and lodge him in the Central Prison, Rajamahendravaram/Nellore until further orders from the Government.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNER OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

MUKESH KUMAR MEENA
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Superintendent, Central Prison, Rajamahendravaram/Nellore.
Copy to:
Sri Athukuri Prince@Prince Rayudu, S/o Raju, A/25 years, C/Madiga, Near RCM Church, Putrela Road, Vissannapeta Village & Mandal, NTR District, Andhra Pradesh (Through Inspector of Police, Tiruvuru Circle of Vissannapeta PS)
The Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs, Govt. of India, Lok Nayak Bhavan, Khan Market, New Delhi-110003.
The Commissioner of Police, Vijayawada.
The OSD to the Chief Secretary, A.P. Secretariat, for favour of kind information.
The Inspector of Police, Tiruvuru Circle of Vissannapeta PS, Vijayawada City (To serve the orders on and send the served copy to this office).
The PS to Prl. Secretary, GA (Political) Dept., A.P. Secretariat for favour of information.
The PS to Principal Secretary to Govt., Revenue (Excise) Dept., AP. Secretariat.
The PS to Secretary to Govt., Law Department.
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